

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A gas separator for ~~fuel cells~~ a fuel cell in accordance with claim + 27, wherein said member is mainly composed of an electrically conductive material.
3. (Currently Amended) A gas separator for ~~fuel cells~~ a fuel cell in accordance with claim + 27 wherein said member is mainly composed of a thermally conductive material.
4. (Currently Amended) A gas separator for ~~fuel cells~~ a fuel cell in accordance with claim + 27, wherein each of ~~said at least~~ the two plates is a metal plate.
5. (Currently Amended) A gas separator for ~~fuel cells~~ a fuel cell in accordance with claim + 27, wherein ~~the fluid passing through the flow path defined by the rugged shapes in said fuel cells is~~ the fluid includes one of a hydrogen containing gaseous fuel, an oxygen containing oxidizing gas, and a cooling fluid for cooling down the inside of ~~said~~ the fuel cells.
6. (Currently Amended) A gas separator for ~~fuel cells~~ a fuel cell in accordance with claim 4, wherein ~~said at least~~ the two plates are mainly composed of either one of stainless steel and aluminum.

7. (Currently Amended) A fuel ~~cells~~ cell stack ~~receiving~~ adapted to receive supplies of a hydrogen-containing gaseous fuel and an oxygen-containing oxidizing gas and generating an electromotive force through electrochemical reactions,

said fuel cell stack comprising gas separators for ~~fuel-cells~~ a fuel cell in accordance with claim ~~4~~ 27.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~8~~ 28, wherein said member ~~located between said at least two plates in said step (b-1)~~ is an electrically conductive material.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~8~~ 28, wherein each of said at least two plates is a metal plate.

12-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~8~~ 28, wherein said member ~~located between said at least two plates in said step (b-1)~~ is a thermally conductive material.

17-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 16, wherein each of ~~said~~
~~at least~~ the two plates is a metal plate.

20. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 11, wherein ~~said at least~~
the two plates are mainly composed of either one of stainless steel and aluminum.

21-26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A gas separator for a fuel cell constructed as a laminate of plural layers including electrolyte layers and electrode layers, the gas separator being adapted to form one of the plural layers and comprising:

two plates, each of the two plates defining a rugged shape on one face thereof adapted to define at least part of a flow path of a fluid passing inside the fuel cell, each of the two plates further being bonded on another face thereof to the other one of the two plates to form the gas separator; and

a member located in a space defined between the two plates and bonding the two plates to one another.

28. (New) A method of manufacturing a gas separator for a fuel cell constructed as a laminate of plural layers including electrolyte layers and electrode layers, the gas separator being adapted to form one of the plural layers of the fuel cell, the method comprising:

providing two plates, each of the two plates defining a rugged shape on one face thereof adapted to define at least part of a flow path of a fluid passing inside the fuel cell; and

bonding each of the two plates on another face thereof to the other one of the two plates to form the gas separator, wherein bonding comprises placing a member in a space defined between the two plates such that the member is in contact with the two plates.